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THE **SCARLET WITCH** LOST HER MIND AND USED HER MUTANT POWER TO ALTER REALITY, TRANSFORMING THE WORLD INTO A MUTANT UTOPIA RULED BY HER FATHER, **MAGNETO**.

WELCOME TO THE HOUSE OF M.

BECAUSE OF WANDA'S REALITY SHAKE-UP, A TRANS-TEMPORAL TSUNAMI OF UNIMAGINABLE FORCE SWEEPED OUTWARD THROUGH THE DIMENSIONS OF CAUSALITY, SHATTERING THE BOUNDARIES BETWEEN REALITIES AND THREATENING THE VERY SURVIVAL OF CREATION ITSELF.

BRIAN BRADDOCK, RULER OF OTHERWORLD, HAS BEEN GIVEN 48 HOURS TO SEAL THE BREACH, OR ELSE THE GUARDIAN OF REALITY, **ROMA**, WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO NULLIFY HIS ENTIRE HOME DIMENSION, AIDING HIM IN THIS ENTERPRISE ARE HIS WIFE, **MEGGAN**, HIS SISTER, **BETSY** (A.K.A. **PSYLOCKE**) AND HER COMPANION **RACHEL GREY** (**MARVEL GIRL**).

UNFORTUNATELY, ALL FOUR OF THEM HAVE FALLEN VICTIM TO THE SCARLET WITCH'S NEW REALITY IN THIS NEW WORLD, BRIAN IS RULER OF BRITAIN AND REMEMBERS NOTHING OF HIS MISSION, SAVE FOR VAGUE, INCOHERENT DREAMS. HE AND HIS COMPANIONS INTERVENED IN THE PURSUIT OF TWO FUGITIVES BY A BAND OF BOUNTY HUNTERS THEY MANAGED TO SAVE ONE OF THE FUGITIVES, **NOCTURNE**, WHO LED BETSY AND RACHEL TO THE POINT WHERE CAUSALITY WAS BREACHED. THE BOUNTY HUNTERS FOLLOWED THEM THERE AND WERE NONE TOO PLEASED. PSYLOCKE'S DISCOVERY OF THE BREACH, IN TURN RESTORED BRIAN'S MEMORY OF HIS MISSION, BUT THE REVELATION MAY HAVE COME TOO LATE...A SQUAD OF SENTINELS, LED BY OMEGA SENTINEL **KARIAM SHAPANDAR**, HAS ARRIVED AT BRIAN'S COUNTRY ESTATE TO TAKE HIM INTO CUSTODY ON A CHARGE OF HIGH TREASON.

NEEDLESS TO SAY, BRIAN HAS REFUSED TO GO QUIETLY.

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Season of the Witch

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CLAREMONT &
CHRIS
BACHALO

I
TOLD YOU,
WOMAN--

--WE DON'T
HAVE TIME FOR
THIS!

--THE FATE
OF ALL CREATION
IS AT STAKE--

FLOREA, HOLDREDGE, IRWIN,
MENDOZA, OLACABA, PARSONS,
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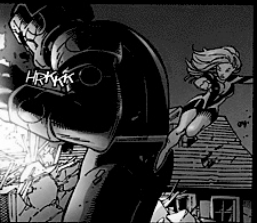
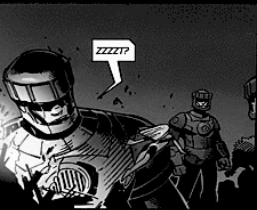
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WHY
WOULDN'T YOU
LISTEN? WE COULD
HAVE USED YOUR
HELP!

BRIAN--
SENTINELS!









IN THIS REALITY, LINDA
MACQUILLAN IS
A LADY-IN-WAITING
TO QUEEN MEGGAN.



IN HER HOME DIMENSION,
SHE--LIKE BRIAN BRADDOCK--
IS A MEMBER OF THE CAPTAIN
BRITAIN CORPS.

CHAMPION OF THE
REALM AND A GUARDIAN
OF REALITY ITSELF.

BLESS
MY SOUL.

SHE'S--
MAGNIFICENT!

ROMA SENT
US TO HELP BRIAN.
HOW DID WE GET
SIDETRACKED?

"US?"

THERE
ARE MORE
OF YOU?

I AM
JUST A
BULLY!

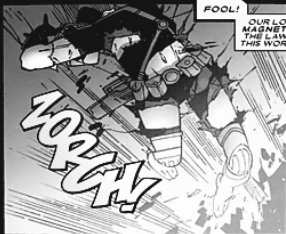


IN THE
NAME OF THE LAW,
I CALL UPON YOU TO
STAND DOWN YOUR
WEAPONS AND
SURRENDER!

OR SUFFER THE
CONSEQUENCES.

SHE'S
BLOODY
DAFT.

AND SHE'S
ABOUT TO BE
DEAD.



FOOL!

OUR LORD
MAGNETO IS
THE LAW ON
THIS WORLD--



--AND WE
SENTINELS ARE
HIS ENFORCERS

OUR
JUDGMENT
IS FINAL.

AND WE SHOW
NO MERCY.

STOMP!

IF
IOWH!

SQUEEE!

DISRESPECT
FOR THE LAW--

CRUNCH!

--AND ITS
OFFICERS--

--WILL
NOT BE
TOLERATED!

SLAMM!

OFFICER
SHAPANDAR, YOU
HAVE TO
UNDERSTAND!
THIS ISN'T
TREASON AGAINST
MAGNETO!

WE'RE
TRYING TO SAVE
HIS WORLD FROM
ANNIHILATION!





I DON'T KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE TALKING
ABOUT, BRADDOCK.



AND
I DON'T
CARE!

KROOM!



MY TASK IS
TO BRING YOU
DOWN!

BRIAN—

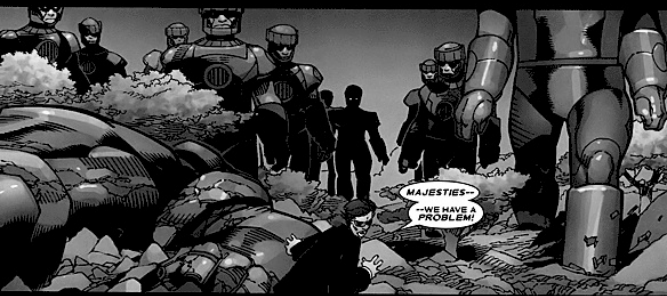
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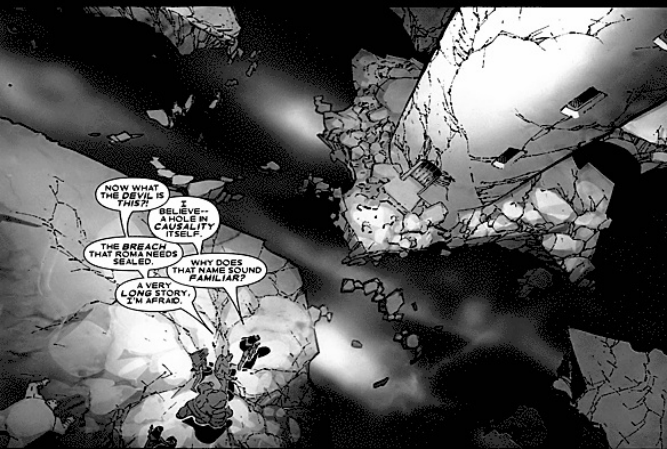
ZAM!



COURTNEY!









BECAUSE IN REALITY,
YOUR FUTURE WILL BE
NASTY, BRUTISH AND
VERY, VERY SHORT.

BETTS—
THE SENTINELS
ARE CHANNELING
ALL THEIR POWER
THROUGH THE
OMEGA!

SYNCH YOUR
TEKE WITH MINE,
RACHEL...



FORM A
SHIELD!

HER
BLAST'S
DEFLECTING
INTO THE
RIFT!

WATCH
OUT FOR
BACKLASH!



--WE
HAVE TO
HOLD!





WE'RE--
ALIVE!

BUT THE
LAND--MY
REALM--!

WE'RE NOT
DONE YET, KIDS.
WE STILL GOT THAT
BREACH TO DEAL WITH.
FOR SOME STRANGE
REASON IT'S SMALLER
AND GLOWING...BUT
NOT GONE.



SO I'M GUESSIN' THIS
"X" IS A BAD THING.
AM I RIGHT?

ABSOLUTELY.



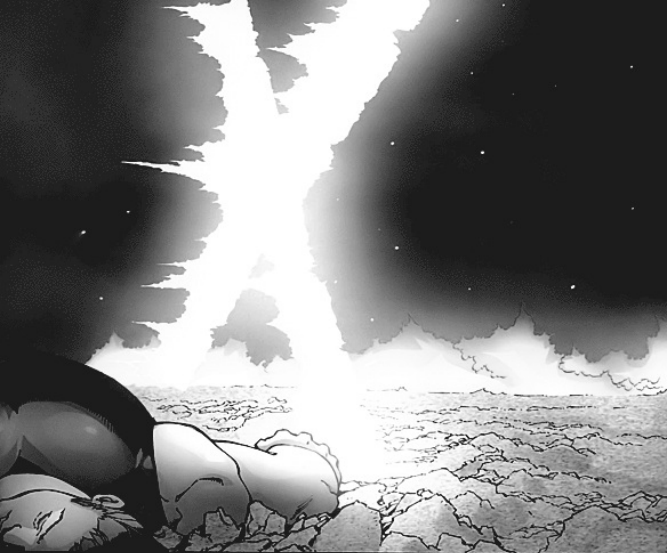
I'M GUESSIN' IT'S
A WHOLE. GOTTA BE
PLUGGED?



WHAT
CASE--

HEY!

--I CAN'T
THINK OF ANYONE
BETTER TO DO
THE JOB.





BRIAN BRADDOCK...
MEGAN--
AGAIN, SOMEHOW
SHE'S CHANNELING
THE CELESTIAL
GUARDIAN!

IF YOU
CANNOT SEAL THIS
RIFT, IN A MATTER
OF MINUTES...



I
MUST--I
SHALL--
NULLIFY
YOUR
WORLD...
AND
YOUR ENTIRE
DIMENSION.



BLOODY
WOMAN, WHAT D'YOU
THINK WE'VE BEEN
TRYING TO DO?!



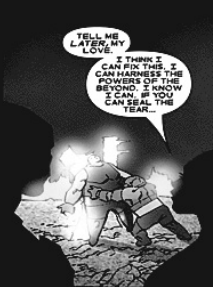
HUSH, NOW,
MEGAN. WE'LL
DO THIS.



YOU ARE MY
MORNING-STAR.
YOU ARE THE
LAUGHTER IN
MY SOUL...

YOU ARE
ALL--!

SHHH



TELL ME
LATER, MY
LOVE.

I THINK I
CAN FIX THIS. I
CAN HARNESS THE
POWERS OF THE
BEYOND. I KNOW
I CAN. IF YOU
CAN SEAL THE
TEAR...



IF WE'RE
TALKIN' SOME
KIND A PLAN
HERE,
HEROES--

--CAN WE
KICK IT INTO
GEAR?!



MY POSSESSING
YOU DIDN'T WORK
BEFORE.

YOU'RE THE BOSS.
MY STRENGTH IS
YOURS.

I'M NOT
FIGHTING
THIS TIME.



ALL RIGHT,
JUGGERNAUT,
YOU'VE DONE
YOUR PART.

YOU CAN
RELAX.





UNTIL HE SEES
WHAT SHE'S UP
AGAINST.



HE MAY BE A
HERO, BUT HE'S
ONLY HUMAN.



BETSY--
SHE'S MY
WIFE!



...IF YOU
ABANDON YOUR
RESPONSIBILITIES
AS A MONARCH,
A HERO--



--A
MAN--

--THEN ALL
OUR WORK, OUR
SACRIFICES
WILL BE FOR
NOTHING.

YOU
ARE CAPTAIN
BRITAIN--

--I
AM YOUR
LADY!

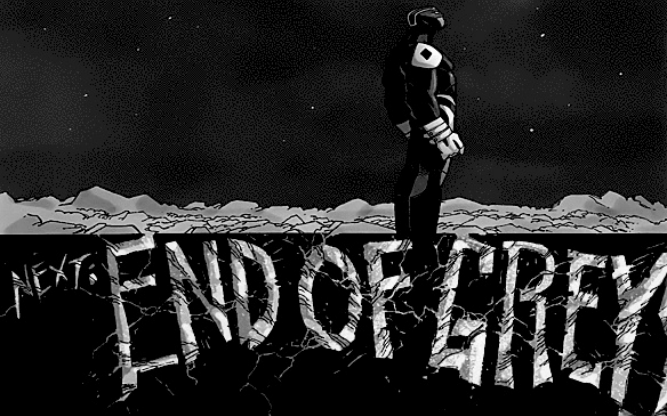
AND THIS,
MY LOVE, IS
WHAT I WAS
BORN TO
DO!







BELIEVE ME, HE KNOWS.



X-MAIL

Hi all. Nick and Sean here, back again for an UNCANNY X-MEN House of M letters page. We are currently in Cape Town International Airport waiting for our flight to Genosha, eating hot pretzels.

This cheese sauce is delicious. So wonderfully tangy. Anyway, I still don't understand why Logan and the rest of my chums went ahead to Genosha to defeat Magnus without us. Well, I understand why he would leave Sean, but ME? My mutant duct-taped chest would really come in handy fighting Prince Pietrol! Well, what's done is done...might as well answer some of your letters while we wait for our plane.

Dear X-Mail,

I just read UNCANNY X-MEN #463 and I must say, the Psylocke and Marvel Girl tandem was a great idea. Rachel and Betsy are two of my favorite X-girls aside from Jean Grey, who will always stay on top of the list. I miss Jean so much and I'm sure a lot of readers would agree that it's time to bring her back.

Anyway, having Captain Britain in the book is cool. I haven't seen him for a long time, and I'm glad he's back for good 'cause I heard after UNCANNY X-MEN #465 he'll be starring in his new ongoing series, NEW EXCALIBUR. I also heard that in issue #466 the story will revolve around Rachel and the title is "Grey's End". I just hope this doesn't mean the end for Marvel Girl! She's a great addition to the team's line-up, and I would hate to see her leave the team, or worse...die.

To Mr. Lowe and Mr. Ryan: I love what you're doing with X-Mail. I have a blast reading every letter.

Jeck

Well, first and foremost Jeck, you are clearly quite wise and have a tremendous sense of humor. If we make it out of the House of M, remind Nick and myself to come to your house, where we'll entertain you for days (and eat all your food). Anyway, you are so very right on everything. Captain Britain is going to be in NEW EXCALIBUR. He'll also be joined by Juggernaut, Nocturne, Dazzler, and Pete Wisdom! Not to mention other assorted characters.

I'd love to tell you more about "Grey's End." Jeck, but it was in my luggage WHICH NEVER MADE IT TO CAPE TOWN! Whatever will I wear when we get to Genosha? So much for the three super-suits I packed!

What super-suits? All I've ever seen you wear are zuba pants and stained Big Johnson T-shirts.

Dear X-Mail,

I do not understand. Isn't anyone else noticing that Mr. Claremont is rehashing his old storylines? I knew we all loved his stories the first time around. They were original and enjoyable at the time.

Now I find this book completely painful every month. I could not help but just flip through pages of this Mojo issue. If I needed to read this stuff again, I'd pick up some B&W volumes of ESSENTIAL X-MEN, or unseal some old issues of UNCANNY X-MEN.

Pamela Giacomini

Paula, I sense much anger in you. And as you all well know, anger leads to hate, and hate leads to suffering.

First of all, Sean, her name is Pamela. Second of all, if I wanted Eastern wisdom or Star Wars platitudes, I would call your mother.

TAKE THAT BACK! MY MOTHER WAS A SAINT!

I was merely referring to her PhD in Taoism and her annotated bibliography of *Empire Strikes Back*. Now, Pamela, I think we're going to have to agree to disagree here. I thoroughly enjoyed #460 and #461 and Mojo's first visit to Earth. Plus, I think Spiral is hot.

Dear X-Mail,

Chris Bachalo! Just when I thought I was going to remove UNCANNY X-MEN from my reserve list, you bring in Chris Bachalo. UNCANNY X-MEN was first and should remain first in regards to the art talent.

Bout time.
John Peter Redshaw
St. Paul, Alberta, Canada

We couldn't be more pleased with Chris Bachalo. No, that's a lie. If he were a mutant we'd be more pleased. But as humans go, Chris is the tops! He's, like, Sean times ten! It's true. And I'm like a 12, so

Bachalo is easily a 120. I don't know what any of those numbers mean, but they got to be good! And just wait until you see what he has in store for you guys in issue #466. It's like looking into the eyes of your newborn child for the very first time. Only better!

Dear X-Mail,

I know this is a crazy request, but is there any chance that you will bring back Geech from the X-23 storyline? I swear he is Strong Guy's brother. Dare I say, make him an X-Man!

Denise Richardson
Yonkers, NY

Geech is one of my personal favorites, too. Strong, fast and what a sense of style! That vest he wore amazed me. People don't wear vests enough these days. Tell you what, Denise, when we get back from Genosha, we'll replace Wolverine with Geech. Uh! That's our plane. Gate 23. Where's Gate 23?!

Ugh. Nick, we're at Gate 23! Now come on! And I call the window seat.

Then I'm taking your pillow, sapien. They better have cranberry juice!

See you next time, folks. I sure hope reality isn't hugely altered while we're gone!

-Sean and Nick

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